

STORIES FOR CHILDREN



Courageous George Jackson Rescues Bertha and Elbert Willing From Dypsomaniac Dan, the Ogre

The Thrilling Adventures of Two Little Children Who Always Saw Terrible Things in the Dark

believe in ghosts, for all the grown-up people who have any sense tell them the truth about spooks and spirits who are said to hide in dark places. When you see a boy or girl who really and truly believes there are such things, you may be sure he or she is just ignorant, for if there ould be such a thing as a ghost it would be only a shape like mist, and so it couldn't do you any harm at all, no more than a cloud of smoke from a bonfire

Whenever you see anything that you think is a spook, you just walk right up to it and you will find that it is some every-day thing that no one need fear. That's what ! always do, and so I've found out that it's all rubbish.

Now, there was a boy named Elbert Willing, and he had a sister named Ber-tha, who lived in a big house away out on the edge of town. They had no mother d their father was too busy all day to tell them the truth about such things, and so they heard all sorts of foolish tales from their co.ored nurse, Zephyr, who thought that hoodoos, bogy-men, hobgoblins and spooks were real and were all around in the dark waiting to jump out words he shook the whiskers and the wind at her if she didn't look out. She got the whistled through them with a sad mean. children at last to believe in these things. He held his big, hairy hands over them and they were frightened to death as soon and both of the children fell upon their as night came. They were afraid to go to knees in terror. bed, and when in bed they covered up their heads for fear of seeing something cried Bertha. "We have no mamma and in the dark, which is a thing no one has we are very thin and would not be good

times frightened, especially if it was a thing to eat in that basket?" he asked dark and gloomy day, and they rarely "Nothing but some flowers." dark and gloomy day, and the Nothing but some flowers, went into the woods for fear of meeting Elbert, as he took off the cover semething terrible, for they didn't know semething terrible, for they didn't kind who dares offer dowers to Dan the that everything like dragons and things Ogre?" howled the glant as he gave the you will never meet anything bigger than you ever see, but we have, thank goodness, the awfulest things in stories. scare you, as all boys and girls like to be hungry and fierce. scared, in make-believe stories.

Pianc Seemed Malevolent

Both Elbert and Bertha had a great deal of Imagination, too, and so they often she hoped to find something there that came on, right in the house, in the parlor and dining room, for instance. They would sit still and stare and stare without going to see and feel of what they saw, until the furniture seemed to turn into things with big dull, glaring eyes—all about them. Bertha would catch hold of her orother's hand and tremble until he, who was braver, would begin to shake, too, and they would be afraid to move, until at last the little girl would let out a yell of terror, and then Zephyr would come in on a run to see what was rupted the orge. It life you with you to make the matter of the orge in the orge intom eating them. Zephyr inn't home, but we could find some food for you, Mr. Ogre, if you will be tus go and get it."

The ogre looked 2oubtful for a moment, then he said:

"Who is at home?"

"Nobody at all," replied Elbert. "Zephyr, that's our nurse, and Gladys, that's our cook, have gone to the matinee—"

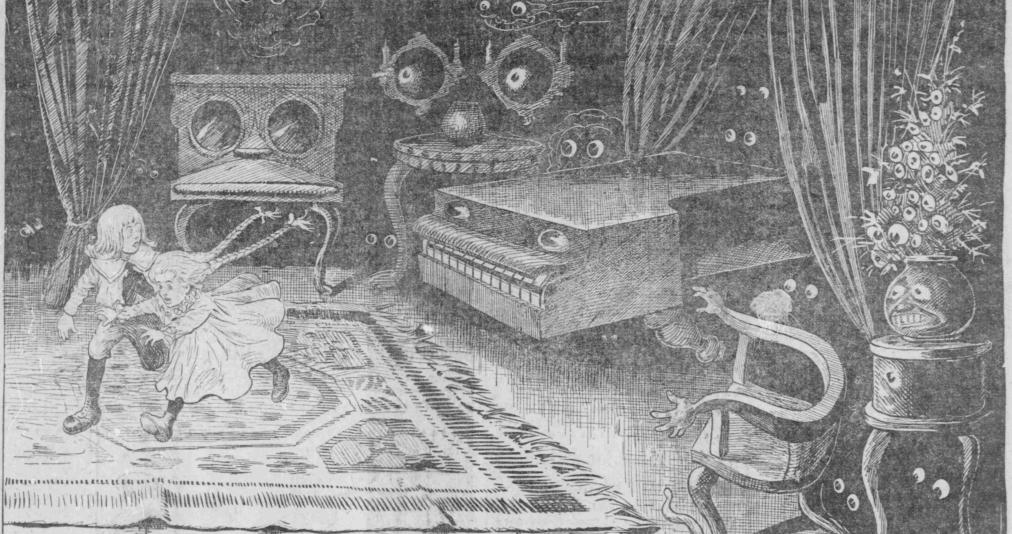
"Here, I'll tell you what I'll do," intervited the orge." I'll go with you to replied the orge. "I'll go with you to replied the orge." I'll go with you to replied the orge.

went out for a walk—for there was not a clinid in the sky—and they picked a whole basketful of violets and buttercups before basketful of violets and buttercups before when when they thought of returning home. When they did, they discovered that they had wandered down the road much farther than they had ever done before, and Bertha began to be alarmed as she saw that they were near some rather dark woods. They were in a lovely meadow full of the state of flowers, and not far from the road, and Elbert was not a bit afraid. He said: "Let's sit down here and fix up a nice

I am afraid." said Bortha

to the ground for it was an awful thing "We don't keep it," said Elbert. "We that now jumped over the fence. It have two barrels of cider in the cellar, looked at them as if it would immediate but we don't drink it because it's gone hard an father says it's not fit for children."

"Don'try to get away from me!" it growled. "To you know what I am?" it The ogre banged upon the table with his count over them.



THE FURNITURE SEEMED TO TURN INTO THINGS WITH BIG, DULL, GLARING EYES

"Oh! please, Mr. Ogre, don't eat us,

Even in the daytime they were some-blackened teeth. "Haven't you got any-"Nothing but some flowers," answered

are only found in stories, for that is all basket a kick that sent it yards away. "Where do you live?"

"Down the road, but not so very far nuch frightened. for he was now sure that the ogre would Things to make your hair stand up and begin to eat them at once, he looked so

"Got anything to eat there?" asked Dan, looking down the long road and seeing their house in the distance nestling among the trees.

"I guess so," replied Bertha eagerly, for thought that they saw things as twilight came on, right in the house, in the parlor

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Both children assured him that the

Ogre's Merrymaking .

The children led the way to their home bouquet for papa before we start for and took the ogre into the kitchen. Bertha hurried to and the cold turkey and pies, but the ogre made Elbert sit down "There ain't nothing to be afraid of before him because he said he wanted to around here," he replied, bravely. So they sat down right beside a tall stone they sat down right beside a tall stone and began to arrange their violets, that his sister was getting the food in "S'pose a big bogy-man should come out of those woods," suggested Bertha. "They look awful dark." Elbert looked at them, as the trees hung almost over the fence and said.

We could run for the road. Anyway, and to eat you right now!"

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"Maybe there's ogres there," said Bertha, trembling slightly.

'No, I guess not. Zephyr would have told us if there were any 'round here, I think," her brother replied, but the thought of an ogre was rather terrifying to both these timid children, and soon they got up to go. Elbert had just picked up the Dasket of flowers when over the fence came an awful head all topped with red bushy hair and with great glaring eyes. Then a big form appeared and a husky voice said in a sort of growl:

"Stay right there and don't you move a step or I'll eat you up in a twinkling."

Botly of the children strood as if rooted to the ground for it was an awful thing that now jumped over the fence. It that now jumped over the fence. It is not to barrely on the children every moment, as if about to alter his diet. Suddenly he stopped and said:

"Where do you keep the beer?"

"We don't keep it," said E'bert. "We have two barrels of cider in the cellar,



"OH! PLEASE, MR. OGRE, DON'T EAT US," CRIED BERTHA

THE MONOGRAM PUZZLE

would come in on a run to see what was after them. She had not sense enough to tell them that their fears were silly, but new would believe that they saw sometimes, and run out with them to the kitchen as quick as she could.

Sometimes, as they say the plan would seem to growing dusk, the plan would seem to be coming at them, and then seem to be coming at them, and they would runk part of the strategy and some mince pleas as in the plan would seem to glar at them for awhile, and then seem to be coming at them, and they would runk part of the strategy and then graves, a run to Zephyr, run's she would cover her head with a range of the strategy and the plan would seem to be coming at them, and they would runk part of the strategy and then graves, a run to Zephyr, run's she would cover her head with a range of the control of the control of the strategy and then graves as they startly all the graves and run out with the plan would seem to glar at them for awhile, and then seem to be coming at them, and they would runk part of the strategy and some mince pleas a run to Zephyr while the cyclic approach to the strategy and the plan to a special day and the world cover her head with her strategy and the plan to fill be the farst were slilly but the through the world cover her head would harm have the plan the plan the plan they recoming in house, and if we fill do fill be the the stere that I do little girls and boys and didn't scowl at them, but at a to fill both them to the they coming in the late that the strategy and didn't scowl at them, but at the strategy and didn't scowl at them, but at the strategy and didn't scowl at them, but at the strategy and didn't scowl at them, but at them, but at the wind and they runk as the way the theory replied Bear, and didn't scowl at them, but at the strategy and didn't scowl at them, but at them, but at them, but at the strategy and di

He went down into the cellar with them, and his eyes shone like fire when he saw the mountains and just lived how big the barrels were. He drew about boys and girls in season and out half a bucket more, and after he had eral years until he had to go s

irank it all he said: for a few days and see how you two treat ter that rolled up from below.

For two more days these dreadful ogr here, fer if you do you know what'll happen to you. You just bring me something fer eat every little while, and I'll be good to you and not devour you. If you tell that Zephyr of yours that I'm here there'll be all sorts of zephyrsa-blowin' through this cellar, see? I'll eat her first and then you'll foller next. Now I'll share secrets with such boys. Georgie lay me down for a little spoore and if wanted to take a peen at once at the anybody calls, remember I'm not to be ogres, and as neither Elbert no disturbed, fer when I'm disturbed I'm apt could prevent him, he stole down into the to wake up mad and eat the first boy or

girl I see." Then he piled up some old pieces of carpet away back in the end of the cellar, where no one could notice him from the stairs, and laid himself down with a reguar Ogre grunt. Elbert and Bertha stole bert. upstairs and sat there until Zephyr came gie, "and I didn't see no ogres, either! home, but when she arrived they dared Those are just two measly old hoboes, not tell her about the Ogre, for fear he and they're full of hard cider."

Beside, Elbert thought if he did eat her get the ogre-catchers. she might make him sick, and then he wouldn't touch them. It was awfully hard great delight.

or the other things that one hears about door they near being there, for certainly a live Ogre beats ceased instantly.

found Dan the Ogre still sound asleep, and maniac Dan and Whiskery William, still you may be sure that he didn't disturb weeping bitterly, and then Georgie took his him. Zephyr missed the pie soon and cousins into the front parlor and made a great fuss, but she did not once them a good, long lecture on the following think that Elbert was guilty, for she was silliness of believing in ogres are sure that he couldn't have eaten four things, for if their heads had no

About noon, and just as it happened that Zephyr was out at the butcher's, the Ogre woke up and filled himself a half-pail of hard cider to start the day with. Both of the children heard him in the cellar, and Bertha thoughtfully took him some breakfast to keep him from thinking of Zephyr. He was growly and cross, but he seemed to forget to threaten to eat her this time, and ate some of the food she brought, but not all. He told her he was trying to make some that Zephyr and Whiskery Williams, and goodness knows they were bad enough to look at, anyway.

Elbert's father felt rather grateful to the two ogres for being the unconscious means of curing his children's fears and managed to get it below before the girl managed to get it below before the girl

They kept the secret until almost night, when they saw Elbert they wept, and it was the Ogre himself who betrayed "You may well weep," said Mr. and it was the Ogre himself who betrayed it, for along toward dark he began to sing it, for along toward dark he began to sing down there, and Zephyr almost jumped out of her skin as she heard the hoarse voice below. She was even more alarmed when they told her all the story, and she heard that there was an Ogre in the cellar, for she was powerful afraid of Ogres. She promised the children not to let on that she had heard him, and she was very glad to promise it, I assure you, for she thought the Ogre was about fifteen feet thought the Ogre was about fifteen feet that the single it. growled. The you know what I am?" It asked, as it and over them.

Elbert had Just strength enough "Go!" he shouted, "and all me a pall of shake his bead.

"I am the Ogre, I am Lypsomaniac Dan, the now!" Elbert hurded down late the cellar and quickly filled a buckt with gleas and chocolate cake to keep Dan and girl every day."

He had terrible red blue terrible red blue kers all around his red face, and as he said these awful.

The ogre banged upon the table with his great hairy first and grinned with pleasure. The shouted, "and all me a pall of show that he singin."

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The Monster Captures. Threatens to Eat and Finally Holds Them Prisoners Under Trib. ute in Their Home

A Barrel of Cider and a Fearless Boy Over. come the Ogre, and He is Sent Right Off to Jail

Next day the Ogre was still sleepy, and quite good-natured when the children vis ted him, as they did in order to be polite to him, but about 4 o'clock they heard a great noise below and whistling and shout ng. Elbert ran down and found the Ogre half-way out of the side window, but when he heard Elbert he pulled himself in and said:

"Hi, there, boy! Look up the road. Sea who that is?" Elbert looked and saw a very frowsy

tramp staring about him to see who was "Dat's Whiskery William, the Hobo,"

said Dan; "and he's a wusser ogre than me. You run right after him and tell him that Dypsomaniac Dan is waitin' fer him. and you bring him straight here. Tell him about the hard cider; that'll fetch him." Elbert hated to think of having an-other ogre under the roof, but, of course, he didn't dare refuse, and so he ran and brought Whiskery William. William al-most ran when he heard Dan's message, for he feared the cider would be gone when he got into the cellar and saw Dan and the two barrels he almost fainted with joy. He and Dan had quite a talk and then they called Elbert and his sister and told them what an awful ap youngsters Whiskery William had. William, they said, once lived in a cave in

"This here cellar is light an' airy an' liam, trembling violently as she listened dry, an' it would make a good den fer an up-ter-date Ogre. I'll just camp out here the wild peals of hilarious ogre's laugh-

Police End the Feast

Pretty soon he reappeared, laughing to "Did the ogres see you?" whispered El-

would carry out his threat and thus leave them all alone with him in the house. Zephyr wasn't much, but she was a good deal of a comfort to have around when there was an Ogre below, for, of course, he might at a pinch eat her first.

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and they re full of hard cider." They told us they were ogres," said Bertha, "and they certainly look like it." You are a pair of softies," said George, with contempt; "you swallow all the fairy stories and bogy tales and believe all you hear. You just lay low till I come back. Don't say a word to them while I go and get the ogre-gatchers." 'What are those?" asked Bertha, in

being there, for certainly a live Ogre beats them all. Bertha thought him very brave to go, and when he came back and whispered that the Ogre was still sound asleep, for he had heard him gently snoring, she looked at him admiringly, which made him feel very proud indeed.

They went to bed feeling sure that Dan would not disturb them, as it seemed impossible he could be hungry before morning after such a meal, and, strange to say, they both went to sleep with no fear of the dark or of things getting them as usual them into the hurry-up wagon. And dark or of things getting them as usual and slept soundly until morning.

tiled them into the hurry-up wagon. And how they did beg to be let alone! And how long some of the policemen stayed Frightened the Cook down in the cellar stopping the cider from running away upon the floor, for the ound Dan the Ogre still sound.

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large pies, so she made up her mind that full of such nonsense they would have known that Dan and William were frow sy old tramps as soon as they saw them. The lecture certainly did them good, for

he took his son up to the jall one day. There sat Dan and William in a cell, and "Yours is a sad fate, but it might have